

ARBORETUM ALL-STARS for BENEFICIAL INSECTS



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Berberis aquifolium 'Compacta' - compact Oregon grape

California native plant; dark, grape-like fruits provide food for native birds and can be made into preserves; tough plant that tolerates a variety of garden conditions; attracts beneficial insects and birds. [More Details](#)



Bergenia crassifolia - pigsqueak

Dense clusters of pink flowers bloom in winter and early spring; classic California garden plant for dry or moist shady border; broad, shiny leaves provide textural contrast to small-leaved plants; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Bletilla striata - Chinese ground orchid

Easiest orchid to grow in the Central Valley and plants spread to form small colonies over time; tough and hardy perennial that blooms dependably in shady gardens; vivid coloration and unusual shape give a tropical effect; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Callistemon 'Violaceus' - purple bottlebrush

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Calycanthus occidentalis - western spice bush

California native plant; maroon-red flowers attract pollinating beetles; leaves have a sharp, clean fragrance and turn yellow in the autumn, adding seasonal color to the garden.

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Ceanothus x pallidus 'Marie Simon' - Marie Simon ceanothus

Large, loose clusters of soft-pink flowers complement maroon-red stems; nectar-rich flowers attract bees and other beneficial insects; semi deciduous to evergreen.

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Ceanothus 'Concha' - concha ceanothus

California native plant; one of the best California lilacs for the garden with dark-green leaves all year; showy, deep blue flowers with reddish bracts bloom in spring; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman' - Ray Hartman California lilac

California native plant; one of the best ceanothus cultivars for gardens because it can tolerate some summer irrigation; makes a good screen or small garden tree.

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Ceanothus maritimus 'Valley Violet' - valley violet maritime ceanothus

California native plant; best small ceanothus for Central Valley gardens; clusters of dark-violet flowers bloom in spring; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Cercis occidentalis - western redbud

California native plant; early spring bloom before leaves appear; attractive reddish seed pods in summer; new stems, cut in winter, are used to add color to Native American baskets; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Cercocarpus betuloides* var. *blancheae - island mountain mahogany

California native plant; thrives in full sun and dry soil; tiny flowers attract pollinating insects; seed pods are curly and fuzzy. [More Details](#)



Dasylirion wheeleri - desert spoon

Evergreen desert plant with long, narrow, blue-gray leaves; cream-colored flowers emerge in summer on tall spikes; drought tolerant and makes a striking accent plant; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Epilobium canum - California fuchsia

California native plant; easy to grow and tolerates heat and drought; different varieties can have narrow or broad leaves that range from silver to bright green. [More Details](#)

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Heuchera 'Rosada' - rosada coral bells

California native plant; one of the best flowering perennials for dry shade; introduced to the nursery trade by the UC Davis Arboretum. [More Details](#)



Heuchera maxima - island alumroot

California native plant; a good informal groundcover for dry shade; tolerates heavy clay soils; frilly green leaves look good all year. [More Details](#)



Iris 'Canyon Snow' - canyon snow Pacific iris

California native plant; most dependable hybrid iris of the Pacific coast; white orchid-like flowers light up shady gardens; grows with little maintenance; narrow leaves form an attractive, evergreen, grass-like mound. [More Details](#)



Isomeris arborea - bladderpod

California native plant; one of the only native shrubs that blooms year round; yellow flowers attract beneficial insects and hummingbirds to the garden and then develop into attractive seed pods. [More Details](#)



Lagerstroemia hybrids and cultivars - crape myrtle

Provides year-round interest with summer flowers, fall color, and handsome ornamental bark in winter; comes in pink, white, lavender-purple, or red-flowering varieties; hybrid forms are more mildew resistant; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



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Leucophyllum frutescens - cenizo ("Texas ranger")

Striking silvery foliage; very heat and drought tolerant; requires little pruning as a shrub but can be successful as a hedge if sheared; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Nepeta x faassenii - hybrid catmint

Lavender-blue flowers attract butterflies and other pollinators; tough, low-growing plant has aromatic, gray-green foliage; tolerates different soil types. [More Details](#)



Penstemon heterophyllus 'Margarita B.O.P.' - Santa Margarita foothill penstemon

California native plant; flowers are golden yellow as buds, bright blue as blooms, then change to purple-pink; unlike many California native penstemons, it thrives in garden conditions. [More Details](#)



Quercus lobata - valley oak

California native plant; provides shelter and food for many native insects and other animals; tolerates high heat, drought, and alkaline soil; provides refreshing summer shade; attracts beneficial insects and birds. [More Details](#)



Ribes aureum - golden currant

California native plant; flowers have a light, spicy fragrance; good choice for planting under native oaks; attracts butterflies and beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Ribes malvaceum - chaparral currant

California native plant; pale-pink winter flowers attract hummingbirds; drought tolerant with scented leaves. [More Details](#)



Ribes viburnifolium - evergreen currant

California native plant; good shade-tolerant groundcover under native oaks and in other dry, shady areas; shiny and fragrant foliage looks attractive all year; attracts hummingbirds and beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Rosa x odorata 'Mutabilis' - butterfly rose

Has showy, single flowers nearly year round; flowers attract pollinating bees and other beneficial insects; new burgundy stems complement multi-colored flowers.

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Rosmarinus officinalis 'Mozart' - Ed Carman's rosemary

Evergreen shrub with dark-green leaves that are rich in aromatic oils and prized for cooking; this variety has one of the darkest blue flowers of any rosemary; blooms from spring through summer and often again in fall; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Salvia apiana - California white sage

California native plant; spring flowers attract pollinating bees; leaves contain fragrant oils.

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Salvia greggii* and *Salvia x jamensis - autumn sage

Showy flowers attract hummingbirds and beneficial insects; flowers profusely in the spring and fall. [More Details](#)



Solidago californica 'Cascade Creek' - Cascade Creek California goldenrod

California native plant; bears bright yellow flowers in summer and fall that attract butterflies and beneficial insects; ideal for native grass meadow. [More Details](#)



Syringa x laciniata - cut leaf lilac

Attractive, lacy foliage; more drought tolerant and disease resistant than other lilacs; fragrant flowers. [More Details](#)



Teucrium chamaedrys 'Nanum' - dwarf germander

Low-growing groundcover with dark-pink flowers in early summer; one of the few groundcovers that does well in both full sun or part shade; good for planting under roses and other shrubs; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)



Teucrium fruticans - bush germander

Tough, drought-tolerant shrub with no disease problems; makes a low, informal hedge; silvery leaves and stems brighten sunny or shady gardens; attracts beneficial insects.

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Zephyranthes candida - Argentine rain lily

Grows from bulbs and forms clumps of shiny, grassy leaves; good edging plant or groundcover; attracts beneficial insects. [More Details](#)

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Acca sellowiana (Feijoa sellowiana) - pineapple guava

Attractive spring flowers are edible and sweet; large green berries have a pineapple-like flavor; can be used as hedging or as a screen; attracts hummingbirds.

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Aquilegia eximia - serpentine columbine

California native plant; larger and showier than most columbines; attractive delicate foliage in basal mound; attracts hummingbirds.

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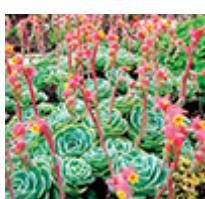
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Clytostoma calystegioides - violet trumpet vine

Vigorous climber for covering walls and fences and can also be grown as a groundcover; trumpet-shaped violet flowers with purple veins blossom in late spring to summer; attracts hummingbirds.

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Echeveria 'Imbricata' - hen and chicks

Lovely, drought-tolerant edging plant for partial shade; sculptural foliage rosettes look like blue-green succulent “flowers;” spreads by producing plantlets that slowly form a groundcover.

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Hesperaloe parviflora - coral yucca

Adds a strong architectural note to the garden with its attractive spiky-looking leaves; very heat and drought tolerant; blooms all summer long; attracts hummingbirds.

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Heuchera 'Lillian's Pink' - Lillian's pink coral bells

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Kniphofia 'Christmas Cheer' - Christmas cheer poker plant

Dramatic plant brightens up the winter garden; at the top of its tall flowering stems, brilliant orange buds open to deep-gold tubular flowers; long, narrow leaves form an attractive, medium-large clump over time; attracts hummingbirds.

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Lonicera standishii - winter honeysuckle

Distinctive fountain-shaped shrub; deliciously fragrant white flowers adorn the semi-leafless stems during winter and early spring; attracts hummingbirds in winter.

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Rhodophiala bifida - red Argentine amaryllis

Showy, easy-to-grow bulb; dark red, trumpet-shaped flowers bloom in late summer; heat and drought tolerant; attracts hummingbirds.

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Russelia equisetiformis - coral fountain

Very adaptable plant with tubular, bright coral-red flowers from spring to autumn; show-stopping fountain of flowers attracts hummingbirds; low maintenance and drought tolerant.

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Salvia microphylla - mint bush sage

Leaves have a fruity smell; good for growing under native oaks; thrives with little care in sun or part shade; attracts hummingbirds.

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Salvia spathacea - hummingbird sage

California native plant; leaves have a pleasant, fruity fragrance; excellent drought-tolerant groundcover for sun or partial shade; attracts hummingbirds.

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Sprekelia formosissima - Aztec lily

Dramatic, deep-red flowers attract hummingbirds in spring and summer; encourage blooming several times a year by withholding and then applying water; low maintenance.

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California native plant; leaves provide food for pipevine swallowtail butterfly larvae; versatile plant that can be used as a climbing vine or a groundcover.

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Origanum vulgare 'Betty Rollins' - dwarf oregano

Pink tubular flowers attract butterflies from mid-summer to early fall; low-maintenance groundcover; leaves can be used in cooking.

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